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whether or not Senator Stromer's bill as originally introduced would result in all the evils that Senator Syas indicates I think is still a question not resolved. Certainly by putting the word partisan in there, it perhaps does create problems, legal problems that might not be necessary. But I think that could be easily remedied and people could have the choice of deciding whether or not they wanted this Body elected the way we elect the majority of the other elected officials in this state. And that is all I support. I think the people are entitled to make that decision. If they want to impose upon us a partisan system and they think it would work better, I don't think that we particularly have the right to deprive them of expressing that opinion. I personally don't know whether it would be a more desirable situation or not. I find it extremely advantageous on very many occasions to have this a non-partisan body. Being a Democrat and a member of the minority party in this state and in this Legislature, it certainly does make it easier for me to function on occasion on certain issues where if there were a Republican and Democratic side of the aisle here, it would be difficult to persuade individuals to my point of view on occasion. But on the other hand I think it's a decision that the people are entitled to make and not on the basis of creating a monster by throwing into the Legislature a tool to be used in alternating election years depending on what the political situation might be and to whose advantage it might be of those members serving in the Legislature at any given time. This year is probably a very good year for the majority party members of this Body to be running on a non-partisan basis and perhaps if the Democrats could jolt or cajole this Body into being partisan this year, the Democrats would pick up a great many seats. Those are the kind of things that would dictate to this Body when we would by statute make us...make ourselves non-partisan or make ourselves partisan depending upon who it would benefit. Those are the evils of Senator Syas' motion but I think we should not kill the bill at the present time but rather devise a method that would truly give the people an opportunity to express their point of view and to make it a permanent situation that we do not as politicians control from time to time as to what the political process will be in selecting members of the Legislature. So I will oppose the motion then to indefinitely postpone on that basis.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak, Senator Mahoney then Kennedy then Maresh.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President and members. As Senator Cavanaugh has outlined earlier, Senator Syas used his closing in a very clever and way that would incite the few members that are on the floor to bring about the passing of his particular amendment. And I think that it would be a shame, it would be a shame to take this bill and kill it today when this Legislature is sort of relaxed or in a sort of relaxed position. There's members back in Washington, five gone from here. There are other people that are not in this chamber today. I think this bill should at least live on and I think that when the entire membership is in this Legislature on another day, when we're all here, that Senator Syas' amendments...a strong look will be taken at them and they will be removed. I never believed before that George moved in this area of putting on amendments to kill bills but I'm afraid that the bill has had some jeopardy now. But I do not agree